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TAGS: PDEV, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: BRIEFING OF MUYONGO

SWAPO VICE PRESIDENT MUYONGO ON THE LATEST ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE WESTERN CONTACT GROUP AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. MUYONGO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SWAPO OFFICIALS KATJAVIVI AND KAOKUNGUA. EMBASSY OFFICERS FROM LONDON MISSIONS OF CANADA, FRG, FRANCE AND THE US ALSO ATTENDED.

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2. MURRAY MADE HIS PRESENTATION ALONG THE LINES AGREED TO BY HIS CONTACT GROUP COLLEAGUES. IN RESPONSE, MUYONGO EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE WESTERN EFFORT ON NAMIBIA AND FOR OUR INTEREST IN SEEKING TO KEEP THE SWAPO LEADERSHIP INFORMED. HE AFFIRMED SWAPO'S SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION 385 AND SAID THAT HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD BE PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN

ELECTIONS WHICH WERE SUPERVISED AND CONTROLLED BY THE UN. HE THEN PROCEEDED TO MAKE SEVERAL COMMENTS ON MURRAY'S BRIEFING AND ALTHOUGH HE CHARACTERIZED HIS REMARKS AS "INFORMAL" RESPONSES, HE NONETHELESS SEEMED WELL PREPARED FOR THE MEETING.

3. MUYONGO EMPHASIZED THAT THE UN IS THE ONLY BODY THAT COULD ASSURE A PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE IN NAMIBIA CONDUCIVE TO GENUINE ELECTIONS. HE SAID THAT VAGUE PHRASES SUCH AS THE UN MUST BE SATISFIED. . . WERE INADEQUATE AND IT MUST BE MADE CLEAR THAT THE UN WILL RUN THE TRANSITIONAL SHOW.

4. MUYONGO EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT AN ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL APPOINTED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. HE EXPLAINED SWAPO'S NATURAL SUSPICION BY CLAIMING THAT SWAPO IS IN A STATE OF WAR AGAINST THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND CAN ONLY BE EXPECTED TO DISTRUST WHOMEVER THE SOUTH AFRICANS WOULD DESIGNATE.

5. MUYONGO NOTED THAT THE ISSUE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS DURING THE TRANSITION HAD NOT BEEN ADDRESSED BY MURRAY. HE SAID THE QUESTION OF LAW AND ORDER IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF ANY AGREEMENT BUT, WHATEVER THE FINAL ARRANGEMENT, SECURITY FUNCTIONS CANNOT BE PERFORMED BY THE SOUTH AFRICANS.

6. MUYONGO OBJECTED TO MURRAY'S DESCRIPTION OF A PANEL OF JURISTS TO DECIDE CONTROVERSIAL CASES OF POLITICAL

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PRISONERS AND DETAINEES. HE SAW NO REASON, HE SAID, WHY ANY SOUTH AFRICAN SHOULD SIT ON THE COMMITTEE.

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HE SUGGESTED A "COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT TEAM."

7. IN AN ASIDE, MUYONGO SAID THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS ARE ALREADY ATTEMPTING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WHITE VOTERS IN NAMIBIA BY INFILTRATING NEW RESIDENTS INTO THE TERRITORY.

8. MUYONGO ASKED WHETHER THE CONTACT GROUP HAD ANY TIMETABLE FOR THE COMPLETION OF ITS DISCUSSION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS AND WHETHER A DEADLINE HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED. HE ASKED RHETORICALLY WHEN NAMIBIANS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE OR WHETHER THEY WOULD  
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SIMPLY BE INFORMED AS THE PROCESS UNFOLDED.

9. REGARDING DETAINEES, MUYONGO CLAIMED THAT THE SITUATION OF DETAINED NAMIBIANS INSIDE SOUTH AFRICA/ NAMIBIA IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE SITUATION OF NAMIBIANS DETAINED ELSEWHERE. HE ARGUED THAT SWAPO MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DETAINED IN ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA MERELY BECAUSE THEY HAVE VIOLATED THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SWAPO ORGANIZATION AND HAVE CONSEQUENTLY BEEN "DISCIPLINED." THEY ARE NOT POLITICAL PRISONERS, HE CLAIMED, AND HAVE COMMITTED NO POLITICAL CRIMES. SWAPO MAINTAINS ITS RIGHT TO DISCIPLINE ITS MEMBERS ACCORDING TO ITS OWN REGULATIONS. AS IF SENSING THE WEAKNESS OF HIS OWN ARGUMENT, HOWEVER, MUYONGO

CONCLUDED THAT "IF ALL GOES WELL, NO NAMIBIAN WILL  
REMAIN OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY."

10. WINDING UP HIS REBUTTAL, MUYONGO SAID THAT SWAPO  
HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM SOURCES INSIDE SOUTH  
AFRICA THAT VORSTER WILL PERMIT RETURNEES TO ENTER THE  
TERRITORY ONLY ON THE CONDITION THAT THEY "RENOUNCE  
THE USE OF FORCE."

11. MURRAY, IN CLOSING THE SESSION, SAID THAT THE  
CURRENT NAMIBIAN PROCESS DEMANDS FLEXIBILITY FROM ALL  
SIDES IF SUCCESS IS TO BE ACHIEVED. MUYONGO DECLARED  
THAT SWAPO IS WILLING TO BE FLEXIBLE BUT THAT THE  
CONTACT GROUP MUST BEAR IN MIND SWAPO'S RESERVATIONS  
ABOUT SOUTH AFRICAN MOTIVES.  
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